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INVENTOR(S): Hitoshi MATSUMOTO et al.

TITLE: COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS CONTAINING THE SAME

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant maintains the previous claim to small entity status of this application. See 37 C.F.R § 1.27
 Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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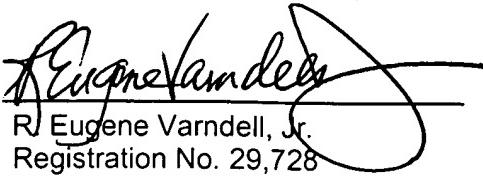
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*

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Based on International Application No.: PCT/JP00/04337

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS
CONTAINING THE SAME

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231



September 17, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination under merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. The following amendments are in addition to those set forth in the preliminary amendment filed December 28, 2001, together with the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Please amend claim 19 as follows:

--19. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing

(B1) composition for food according to claim 2 wherein the black currant